## LEXOW COMMITTEE.

Hen. J. L. Gordon Explains Its Ostensible and Real Objects.

### TAMMANY NOT RESPONSIBLE.

ent Admirable-Tax

STAUNTON, VA., December 28.—(Spe-tal.)—Hon. James Lindsay Gordon, who ecently represented Albemarle in the ays with his brother, A. C. Gor-Esq. Ex-Senator Gordon is now a Broadway, the firm being Granger rdon. Mr. Gordon, who is recog-, has caught on in New York, and having a residence of only a few hs in Gotham, was, by Scnator David Hill's invitation, one of the orators and the circuit of New York State. Gordon made some twenty-five es with Mr. Hill, and was given a he young Virginian is a member of the eneral Committee of Tammany from the leventh District. The Dispatch correspondent to-day interviewed Mr. Gordon bout the Lexow Committee, now holding a investigations in New York city. Mr. ordon, in speaking of this committee and Tammany, said:

REAL PURPOSE. "The Lexow Committee was appointed betensibly to ferret out corruption in the administration of the municipal government, but in reality its object was to make capital for the Republican party. Its proceedings have been conducted with an entire disregard of the rules of evitence, and I believe Mr. Goff does not pretend to follow them. His treatment of nesses has been in some instances in-nesses has been in some instances in-nesses. The committee has succeeded uncovering, however, as every one was, a vast amount of corruption ong the minor police officials, Republi-is, Tammany men, and State Demo-ta being about equally implicated.

REPUBLICANS. "Williams, Schmittberger, and Stephen-"Williams, Schmittberger, and Stephenson, who has just been sentenced to Sing Sing, are all Republicans. Reppenhagen, who confessed to handling the \$15,000 paid by Creedon for his captaincy, and who kept \$5,000 of it, was the "Reform" leader in his Assembly district, and some of the men implicated are members of Tammany Hall. That organization, however, has not had control of the Police Department. From 1873 up to the tion, however, has not had control of the Police Department. From 1873 up to the time of Mr. Sheehan's appointment, a year or two ago, Tammany had only one representative on the Board of Police Commissioners. Now it has two members of that board, while the other two are Populaire.

"All the blackmailing and corruption has been credited to Tammany by the newspapers, however, and people away newspapers, however, and people are from New York naturally think that organization responsible for a state of affairs which, in reality, has existed under every administration in New York for many years.
NO CORRUPTION.

"In the city government proper—the part really controlled by Tammany—no corruption has been disclosed or charged. Hundreds of militons of dollars of public funds have been handled by Tammany Hall and no charge has even been made stolen. The present city government is an admirable one. The taxes are lower, the streets are cleaner, the health of the city better, the public improvement that a cent of it was misappropriated or city better, the public improvements greater than ever in New York's history.
"It was the cry of 'hard times' that beat the Democrats in New York city, as everywhere in the country.

WILL STOP BLACKMAIL. think the Lexow disclosures will re in stopping blackmail by the police some years at least, and in this much it will have accomplished good for the

Tammany being the only real Demo cratic organization there must necessarily regain cont.ol of affairs in a few years. It will be reorganized, and many abuses which have grown up within it must and will be corrected. Many of the old lead-ers will be retired and new men will come to the front who are not identified in any way with the abuses to which

NOT BORN. "But Tammany is as old as the repub-lic, and has lived through many reverses as bad as that which it secently en-countered. The Parkhurst of the Goff who shall kill it has not yet been born." legal notice on Congressman-elect Harry St. George Tucker that he will contest

the latter's right to the seat in the Fifty-fourth Congress as representative of this (the Tenth) Virginia District. (the Tenth) Virginia District.

The notice, which is a voluminous, printed paper of 49 pages, was served on Mr. Tucker at Lexington by Deputy-Sheriff Jackson, of Rockbridge, while Mr. Tucker was in Lexington to spend the holidays with his father, the Hon. John Randolph Tucker. Mr. Yost, as the lawyers phrase it, demurs generally and specially to Mr. Tucker's declaration that he is entitled to the seat.

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Mr. Tucker has thirty days from date of serving this notice of contest in which to make his reply. Then, when reply is made, it will be in order for Mr. Yost to give notice as to time and place when he will take depositions to make out his case. Congress allows both contestant and contestee a sum to provide for expenses of contest, not exceeding \$2,000 on each side.

Mr. Yost is represented as counsel by

centage.

VERY ORDERLY.

There are about fifty cadets left in barracks. They are very orderly and considerate, but it is a matter of absolute wonder what a multiplying faculty they have when it becomes a question of in making a noise. The fifty easily become 250, and the imagination may go on a considerate, but it is a matter of absolute wonder what a multiplying faculty they have when it becomes a question of in making a noise. The fifty easily becomes 250, and the imagination may go on ad infinitum.

Mr. Tucker will be represented by Allen Caperton Braxton, of this city, a pephew of the late Allen T. Caperton. United States Senator from West Virginia, and A. C. Gordon, also of Staunton.

FUNERAL OF DR. J. A. OTEY.

The Thursday-Night Club Handsomely Enfertained—Personal and Soolal BEDFORD CITY, VA (Special)—The Caperton Braxton of Special Description of the second of th

ne Holiday Entertaloments in Suf

Eaptist church on Thursday morning. Despite the snow and slippery condition of the streets, there was a good congregation assembled to do honor to the memory of one who had spent the greater part of his life among them. He belonged to a very extensive family, but there is only one of his immediate connections contemporary with him now living—a brother, Dr. James H. Otey, of Pulaski. His wife died some years ago. There are six of his children who survive him. The Thursday Club was entertained on the 27th instant by Mrs. M. C. Igda in the most unique and charming style. folk-Charming Social Events. SUFFOLK, VA., December 29 .- (S) cial.)-On Thursday night last Welcome Lodge, No. 50, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: R. H. Rawies, past chancellor; C. D. Harrell, chancellor commander; W. A. King, vice chancellor; J. B. Price, relate; Henry Eley, master of the work; W. L. McLeed, master of exchequer; P. J. Kemodle, master of finance; John F. Lotzla, keeper of records and seal; G. F. Battin, master-at-arms; Donald McLeed, grand representative; John R. Byrd, diternate, Sidney Petti, district descriptions. The Thursday Club was entertained on the 27th instant by Mrs. M. C. Luda in the most unique and charming style. The grown-up children were told to consider themselves Ettle children for the monce, to be amused by the small people, which they did most delightfully. Mrs. Santa Claus appeared to welcome them, and promised that her children would do their best to entertain them if they behaved. Little Miss Louise Wharton then recited "The Night Before Christmas," the scenes from which were exquisitely represented in tableau vivant by the small people. The last picture was "Ringing Out the Old Year," which was perhaps the most beautiful of all. Santa Claus himself was charming to look upon, especially when he came in with his fur-lined sleigh and dispensed bonboma. The music "from the North Pole" was furnished by the young folk also. Rainbow refreshments were served by the Saint and his retinue, the firls dressed in the colors of the rainbow. Altogether, it was the most beautiful entertainment of the glad season. Miss Nannie Sale is visiting friends in Charlottesville. alternate; Sidney Britt, district deputy grand chancellor. The above officers are to be installed next Thursday night by Hon. E. E. Holland, district deputy grand

Hon. E. E. Holland, district deputy grand chancellor.

One of the most enjoyable of the various social events of the week was the entertainment of the Junior Epworth League by Miss Porter Eley at the residence of her mother, on Main street, last Thursday night. The little folks had a fine time in playing innocent games, and found especial employment in partaking of the seasonable refreshments, which were served in the greatest profusion. The chaperons were Misses Emmis Eley, Florence Campbell, Alma Darden, and Mary Reed.

On Thursday night Mrs. Judge W. J. Kilby gave an oyster-emist to a number of young ladies and gentlemen, which was an occasion of rare enjoyment, and on the same evening Mr. S. P. Vandersike handsomely entertained the members of the Main-Street Methodist church choir, of which he is the tenor singer.

Mrs. Sidney Britt has been in Richmond for several days, the guest of her father, Captain James T. Vaughan.

COMING WEDDINGS.

Cards are out ennouncing the members.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. W. H. Folk, a young business-man of Sufolk, to Miss Caromilde D. Furguson, which event will take place on Wednesday, January 2, 188, at the residence of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blount Furguson, in Hertford county, N. C.

where they will take the seahour! Air-

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lee Britt, of Suffolk, has been it Richmond since last Tuesday, visitin, her parents, Rev. George C. Vandersilce D. D., and wife, No. 716 Twenty-fourti

for the past week.

Miss Lemme Jordan is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Young Dr. Miles G. Lassiter, who has

Mr. Francis F. Causey, a prominent young attorney of Hampton, has been the guest of relatives in Suffolk this

FESTIVITIES AT BLACKSBURG.

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BLACKSBURG, VA., December 29.-

(Special.)-Nowhere within the bounds of the State is old Virginia hospitality dis

pensed with more liberal hand than at the residence of P ident McBryde. Each

festive season it is filled with guests

relatives, acquaintances, and friends, who celebrate such seasons in the hearty,

genial, old-fashioned way. Accordingly, during the present holidays his house has been full.

First arrived his sons, Messrs. John

Charles, and Bolton, the two former from Johns Hopkins University, and the latter from the University of Tennessee, where he is chemist of the Experiment

tation. Later came others, among them

Station. Later came others, among them Major Bolton, general superintendent of the Southern railway, and his charming wife and daughter. On Wednesday night the Doctor and his charming wife, Mrs. McBryde, gave a most delightful dance, in which quite a number of couples took part—just enough to make it peculiarly charming.

ton is spending the holidays with his father at his home near Winchester, Pro-fessor Randolph is in Pennsylvania, Pro-

father at his home near Winchester, Pro-fessor Randolph is in Pennsylvania, Pro-fessors Smythe and Pritchard are at their respective homes in South Carolina, Pro-fessor Campbell and wife are visitors at Captain John R. Johnson's in Christians-burg, and Lieutenant Shanks and wife

THE BEST SCORE. During the week there have been seve

ral pleasant and animated tests of skill

among the members of the Gun Club. Mr. Charles J. McJryde has made, I be-leve, the best score. In the future the ladies of the faculty will take part in

the shoots, and the gentlemen will have to look well to their laurels.

Dr. Kent Black, one of the college surgeons, has been quite unwell, being confined to his residence during a large part

of the week.

Grippe has been very prevalent in our county this winter. The physicians report a large number of cases, though I have heard of none that proved fatal.

Hall and East, and they were lodged by the magsitrate in Jail.

The thermometer yesterday morning at 7 o'clock was at 12 degrees Fahrenheit.

I have noticed from the papers a great number of marriages this fall. On in-quiry I find that from our clerk's office there have been issued 122 marriage li-censes since January 1, 1894. In a county of 13,000 to 14,000 this is quite a large per-centage.

Baptist church on Thursday morning

BRIDE OF MR. MILTON FORD. Marriage Coremony in St. John's rch-Holiday Fun in the Fort-Personal Notes.

Missure.

A most unique and recherche affair was the "senses" party, given last night (Friday, December Eth) by Misses Lillie and Lucie Jones, in honor of their guests, Miss Sarah Tiny Carnes, of Dalias, Texas (a student of Hollins Institute, Salem, Va.), and Miss Mittle Cofer, of Smith-field, Va. The party took place at the residence of Mr. Henry Jones (father of the young hostesses), on Bank street, and the spacious mansion presented a brilliant scene. After an amusing discussion of the various other senses the sense of taste was called into service in the supper-room, the menu being elaborate and exceedingly tempting, the enjoyment being heightened by the wit and repartee of the joyous throng. The exercises of the evening were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, several of the young ladies being specially talented. Following is a list of the young ladies and gentlemen who were honored with invitations to the above social event: Misses Alma Darden, Katie Holladay, Bessie Norfleet, Estelle Darden, Jennie Briggs, Mary Wright, Etta, Elam, Minnie Parker, Mary Whalley, Lizzle Booker, Fannie Crumpler, Helen Murray, Myrtie Booker, Fannie Quimby, Mittle Snyder, and Hettle Harrell; Captain E. A. Norfleet, of the Suffolk Light Infantry; Lieutenant C. Harry Causey, of the Suffolk Grays; Messrs, W. H. Phillips, R. J. Norfleet, L. Esmond Turner, Herbert Darden, Clifford Beaman, R. L. Woodward; J. L. Little, of Roanoke; F. A. Bennett, of Williamsport, Pa.; Ned C. Quimby, C. H. Shepherd, M. T. Pinner, N. R. Withers; Edward Cofer, of Smithfield; Harry Thomas, W. G. Elam, and Kenneth B. McLeod.

PERSONAL.

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OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., December
20,—Old St. John's church at Hampton,
which has been the scene of so many
beautiful weddings in the past, rarely preon Wednesday last, when the many friends of Miss May Hover assembled to witness her marriage to Mr. S. Milton Ford, of Chicago. Mr. Ford represents the Kansas City Times in the Windy of his visits to Old Point. The church had been handsomely dressed with flowers and evergreens, and was filled with the beauty and fashion of Hampton. The bride, who is a petite brunette, wore a handsome cream silk with train, trimmewith point lace, and carried a white, silver-mounted prayer-book.
THE BRIDAL PARTY.

The bridesmaids, six in number, dressed in white satin and carried bouquets of white carnations. The ushers were Messra Barron Hope, Ashby Hudgins, James Van, A. Bickford, Clay Ivey, Frantz von Shilling, of Hampton, and Charlie Jones, of Norfolk, Va.

The bridal party entered in the following order: The brids, on the arm of her uncle, Mr. R. G. Bickford, who gave her ways. Whise Helen Searle, of Mount Tesco.

ing crue: The time, on the part in the country of t Professor W. W. Briggs and family, of Locust Dale Academy, Madison county, have been visiting relatives in Suffolk Young Dr. Miles G. Lassiter, who has been in Baltimore for several months, arrived in Suffolk this week, to spend the holidays with his parents and friends. The Epworth League of the Main-Street Methodist church had a social meeting last night at the music hall of Suffolk College, and the occasion proved exceedingly interesting and enjoyable to all who attended.

Mr. Francis F. Causey, a prominent tendants forming a handsome group i

Rev. Dr. Bryan, rector of the church, then proceeded with the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal Church and soon pro-nounced them "man and wife." When the ceremony was concluded the bridal party and invited guests repaired to the residence of Mrs. C. M. Bickford, o the residence of Mrs. C. M. Bickford, unt of the bride, where a reception was held from 5:30 until 7 P. M.

On Tuesday night, December 25th, Equality Lodge, No. 168, I. O. O. F., elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: R. H. Rawlez, sitting past grand; W. R. Hawkins, noble grand; D. S. Jones, vice-grand; Benjamin Dumville, secretary; J. H. Byrd, permanent secretary; I. M. Tebo, treasurer; R. E. Monell, chaplain; R. H. Rawlez, H. R. Culley, and V. S. Kilby, trustees. Among the prominent guests present were Mr. Milton Ford, father of the groom, of Fairfield, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Par-sons, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Ford, of Herkimer, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrz. Green-ough, and Captain Greenough, and Miss ough, and Captain Greenough, and Miss Jackson, of the garrison; Colonel and Mrs. Woodfin, Major Thompson, wife, and daughters, of the Soldiers' Home; Mr. and Mrs. Bodell, and Mr. and Mrs. Boulch, of Old Point; Dr. and Mrs. Price, Miss Eliza Tabb, Miss Susie Jones, Mrs. Frank Lee, Miss Emily Moody, Miss May Phillips, Miss Maggie Jones, Miss Eliza Jones, Miss Virgle Semple, and Mrs. Nannie Jones, of Hampton; Miss Katie Nannie Jones, of Hampton; Miss Katie
Tabb, of Baltimore; Mrs. T. Willie Lee,
New York; Captain and Mrs. George
Booker and Miss Booker, of Old Point.
The Hampton Cooking Club, of which
the bride was a popular member, also
attended in a body.
Mr. and Mrs. Ford, after receiving the
congratulations of their many friends.

congratulations of their many friends, drove to Old Point and took the evening boat for New York and a northern tour, after which they will settle down to do-mestic bliss in Chicago.

OLD POINT HOLIDAYS. While it has been rather quiet at th while it has been rather quiet at the post during the week, the young people now home on their holiday vacations have managed to enjoy themselves. On Wednesday evening a hop was given in the assembly-rooms, and on Thursday the Christmas-tree, with its wealth of presents for the little people, was disposed

for the past two months, is spending the holidays with his family. He returns to Washington Monday. Mrs. Campbell, wife of Major L. E. Campbell, of Creede, Col., is here with her two charming daughters, the guests of Colonel and Mrs. Condy, of the Soldiers' born at the post when their father was stationed here as post quartermaster, some sixteen or more years ago, and are now attending school at Ogontz, near Philadelphia. As they could not visit their far western home during their brief Christmas vacation, they decided to spend it here among their old friends.

Dr. Henry B. Fitts, of the United States steamer Essex, spent Christmas at the post, the guest of Major and Mrs. Vickery.

Two men were arrested in Christians-burg on Saturday last for shop-lifting. When they were searched there was found on their persons quite a variety of articles, amounting in all to a consider-able sum in value. Their names were Hall and East, and they were lodged by the magsitrate in fall. PERSONAL.

Miss Bessie Waller, who is attending the Conservatory of Music, Boston, an? Miss Nannie Phoebus, from St. Agnes Convent, Albany, N. Y., are home on their Christmas vacations.

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Mr. Frank Ives, the champion billiardplayer, of Chicago, arrived at the Hygeia
Thursday morning. The boys are all
waiting for him to give an exhibition or
his skill, but as yet he has not been
disposed to gratify them.
Captain George Booker, our newly-appointed postmaster, entertained a run-

pointed postmaster, entertained a num-ber of his political and personal friends at a banquet at the Sherwood House on ber of his political and personal friends at a banquet at the Sherwood House on Thursday evening. Mr. K. C. Murray, of the Norfolk Landmark, represented the press in his usual graceful manner.

A large party of visitors, some eighty in number, arrived here Thursday evening, and will spend a few days visiting the many points of interest in this section, after which they will return North via Richmond.

LIPSCOMB-WOODS WEDDING.

Quiet Home Ceremony by the Rev. H. T. Louthan-Reception at Crozet.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) CROZET, VA., December 29 .- On last L.pscomb and Miss M. Maude Woods were married in Charlottesville in the presence of a few immediate friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Louthan. A reception was given the bridal party that evening by the groom's bridal party that evening by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lipscomb, at their home, near Crozet. Among those tresent were Misses Fannie Lipscomb. Bettle Gentry, Annie Rea, Bestle and Mary Jeffries, Salie Rea, Bettle and Maria Tilman, and Mrs. Jennie Gentry; Messrs. W. B. Tilman, Sr., Philip Lipscomb, Eugene and Montie Rea, Drs. Roy K. Flannagan and Walter Lafferty, Messrs. W. B. Tilman, Jr., Willie Robinson, Dean Tilman, and Captain John Tilman.

man.

Miss Emma Wherry, of Richmond, and
Miss Bessle Wilson, of Greenville, N. C.,
ere visiting Miss Kate Landrum, who is
at home from boarding-school, in Buena at home from boarding-school, in Bach. Vista, Va. Mrs. Olle Massie, who has been spend-ing the holidays with Mrs. G. M. Ellison, returned to Stony Point to-day.

PERSONAL Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rodes, of White Hall, gave an entertainment on Friday evening in honor of Miss Rits Rodes and schoolmate, who are at home from the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at

Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg.

Miss Marie Annette Jones will entertain a few friends at her home this evening from 7 to 11.

A pleasant Christmas entertainment, under the direction of Miss Lafferty, was given the young people at the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mattis Lafferty, of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, is spending the holidays at "The Cottage on the Cliff," her father's home.

The Misses Watts, of White Hall, entertained a few of their friends on yesterday.

A CHRISTMAS HOME WEDDING.

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cisting minister, who in a most impressive manner performed the ceremony.

After being congratulated by their many friends the company, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Astin, repaired to the dining-hall, where they enjoyed a bountiful repast served in old Virginia style.

Mrs. Mary Julia Harraway, of Neapolis, after an illness of several weeks, died at her home Thursday morning and was buried in the cemetery in Danville in the aftermoon. Mrs. Harraway was Miss Mary J. Walters, and was born near Milton, N. C. She was married in February, 1865, to William L. Harraway. She leaves eleven children-eight sons and three daughters—the youngest child, a girl, being 14 years of age. When the youngest was 1 weeks old the husband and father lost his reason and had to be taken to the Raleigh Asylum, where he is at present. Mrs. Harraway was a member of the Haptist church, and was a noble Christian woman. Her end was peaceful.

This has been undoubtedly a week of celebrations. The children of the various Sunday schools have been feted and feasted, while the older folks have been regaled with songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. These festivals began on Christmas night, and have continued nightly during the week. The weather has been very disagreeable; it has been cold and raw; the wind has blown sharply, and the ground covered with sleet, but in spite of all these things, the attendance has been large, both of children and grown people.

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Robert Jones, the negro who criminally assaulted a white woman in this county in August last, and ran away, and who In August last, and ran away, and who was arrested in West Virginia last week, has been brought back to Virginia, and is now confined in Chatham jail. Jones may be tried at the next term of the County Court, and the gallows on which Jed. Pritchett was hanged several years ago for assaulting a little white girl may prove the instrument for launching Jones into eternity. The woman assaulted is a widow, and a very estimable woman. If Jones could have been caught he would undoubtedly have been lynched.

A Charming Evening at a Williamsburg Mansion-Pearl in an Oyster. WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 29.

(Special.)-On Thursday evening a numb of invited guests gathered at the house of a well-known gentleman and spent a most charming evening listening to choic selections of vocal music and the im-personation of the leading characters of several of Shakespeare's plays. It was a typical Yule-tide gathering, graced with appropriate emblems of holly and mis-tletoe, the sentiments of which were fully recognized by those present. 'The crowning feature of the occasion was the portly ing feature of the occasion was the portly and genial bowl of eggnog, imbuing all with the spirit of Christmas times. It is said that in response to its magic influence both vocal and dramatic talent of the highest order was developed. Never was Shakespeare more feelingly portrayed, and certain songs so well known to the "Pen and Pencil Club of the Quaker City" were delivered with the most artistic grace and humor. The entertainment broke up when the clocks were striking the hour that one more day of Christmas festivities was greeting another.

IN CHATHAM JAIL

TYPICAL YULE-TIDE GATHERING.

PULASKI CLUB. During the week an opportunity was embraced to celebrate a meeting of that ancient and convivial organization known as the Pulaski Club, which was attended by a number of its prodigal sons. It is needless to say that the fatted calf was lavishly prepared and justly appreciated. A number of toasts, both characteristic of the club and the season, were proposed and responded to with all the old-time felicity of the Pulaski brotherhood. Long live the Pulaski!

GEM IN AN OYSTER. In opening some oysters for his Christ-mas breakfast, Mr. Ro. T. Armistead, of this city, had the good luck to discover a handsome pearl of fine quality. The gem is perfectly round and about the size of a large buckshot, is lucid, white in color, with a faint pink band running around the centre. He intends to have Christmas-tree, with its wealth of presents for the little people, was disposed of in the usual way.

Captain Louis V. Caziarc, Second Artillery, who has been on special duty in Washington in connection with the Howster Captain Louis v. Captain Louis v. Caziarc, Second Artillery, who has been on special duty in Washington in connection with the Howster Captain Louis v. Caziarc, Second Artillery, who has been on special duty in Washington in connection with the Howster Captain Louis v. Caziarc, Second Artillery, who has been on special duty in ble and probably fatal accident. While sattempting to oil some of the machingry state case for the past two months is wheels, and he was drawn between wheels and horribly mangled. He is at-tended by Dr. George A. Hankins, who reports his condition extremely critical. A number of former residents who came back to spend the Christmas with their friends and relatives returned yeaterday to their various places of business

The Beauty of the Two-Constables Feature (Staunton Vindicator.)

(Staunton Vindicator.)

We have received a letter from a prominent citizen of West Virginia, a former member of the Legislature of that State, and a Commissioner of Election in the November election. He lives in a county in Mr. Wilson's district. In that State, as we have before stated, there are two "poil clerks," a Republican and Democrat (those being the two parties that poil the largest vote), to fix the ballots for the filliterates. It is charged, he says, that in the recent election, resulting in Mr. Wilson's defeat, the money put in the district by the Republicanc, of which there was a v-vy large amount, was handled by many of the Republican poil clerks who, in advance of the election, canvassed their counties and purchased saleable votes. The voter engaged to ask the Republican poil clerk for assistance to prepare his ballot and the soll clerk for poll clerk for assistance to prepare his ballot, and the boll clerk was thus to know that the voter had carried out his bargain and voiced the Republican ticket. After the election the voter bought up was

Those Democratic papers in Virgini who are insisting on two-a Democratic and Republican constable—at the polls can see how beautifully this system works in West Virginia. They can also see that a Democratic rascal in Virginia could work it just as easily as the Republican rascal worked it in West Virginia. There should be no constable, and if the people want elections in which there will be no possibility of cheating, there will be no constable.

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